

# Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

## TRAVERSE District FY09 EQIP

### 1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Wind Erosion, Water Quality, Windbreaks, Wildlife Habitat, Flooding, Water Erosion, Feedlots.

### 2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Impaired watersheds (MPCA and NRCS Identified)

County Ditch 52 Watershed

Agricultural land within ½ mile of Mud Lake or Lake Traverse

### 3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

- Water Quality in Impaired Watersheds
- Feedlot Runoff Controls
- Reductions in Wind Erosion & Use of Cover Crops
- Water Quality and Erosion in the County Ditch 52 watershed
- Water Quality of County Ditch 14 (Mustinka River)

### 4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. Will the application improve water quality in an MPCA or NRCS identified impaired watershed (see map below)?

2. Will the application fix an existing feedlot runoff problem or result in a CNMP being completed for a livestock operation?

3. Will the application address a water quality concern within ½ mile of Lake Traverse or Mud Lake?

4. Does the application address a water quality or water erosion issues in the County Ditch 52 Watershed?

5. Will the application reduce wind erosion on fields with a soil erodibility index (I) of 86 or greater?

### 5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

15 POINTS 1. Will the application improve water quality in an MPCA or NRCS identified impaired watershed (see map below)?

10 POINTS 2. Will the application fix an existing feedlot runoff problem or result in a CNMP being completed for a livestock operation?

8 POINTS 3. Will the application address a water quality concern within ½ mile of Lake Traverse or Mud Lake?

5 POINTS 4. Does the application address a water quality or water erosion issues in the County Ditch 52 Watershed?

3 POINTS 5. Will the application reduce wind erosion on fields with a soil erodibility index (I) of 86 or greater?

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed. This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group Date

Keith Kloubec, District Conservationist 11/19/2008

